CHURCH SEXTON HELD FOR THEFT OF CHECK

Overbrook Man Accused of Forging Name of Rector to Collect \$300

charged with obtaining money under false pretense from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Overbrook, William H. Scrain, 1512 Edgewood street, its sexton, was arrested last night by Seville, an employe of a desective agency. Scrain is said to have aken and cashed a check for \$300 belonging 6 the Rev. William R. Turner, rector of

the chilrch.

According to the police, on April 28 According Warden Davis, of St. Paul's, placed three checks in the sacristry, intending to get them later on. Mrs. Scrain was in the church at the time, it was said. According to Detective Seville, she took two of the gliecks, one for \$55, which was her husband's pay, and the other, which was the salary of the church laundress. Mrs. Scrain, it was learned, gave the checks to her husband and the laundress.

On April 27, it was revealed, Scrain on April 27, it was revealed, Scrain cashed his personal check in a downtown bank. On the day following, the police say, he took the check for \$300, made out in the name of the Rev. Mr. Turner, and cashed this also. It is alleged that Scrain indorsed the check with the rector's name and underneath it wrote, "for painting onurch," together with the painter's name, w. J. Ray.

W. J. Ray.
Scrain was questioned by the agency's operative and denied the charges. Last might Seville was sitting on his porch at 57th and Master streets when he noticed Sorth and Master streets when he noticed Scrain enter a saloon nearby. The de-tective arrested the sexton and took him to City Hail. Although Scrain denies it, the police say the handwriting on the rec-tor's check corresponds to that of several letters found in the sexton's possession. Scrain will have a hearing this morning.

OARSMAN DROWNED AS PARENTS LOOK ON

University Barge Club Members, Back From Regatta, Tell of Accident

Members of the University Barge Club eturned to Philadelphia from New York oday, but they did not tell of their prowess in winning some of the races in the annual regatta of the New York Rowing Associa-tion on the Harlem River yesterday. True, the local club made a good showing

and won easily in the race with clubs from Boston and Flushing, N. Y. But the eccasion was marred by a drowning acci-

dent.

The story they tell is one of how a mother and father saw their son swept to death almost in the face of victory, and how cheers along the water front changed suddenly into prolonged cries of alarm. Melvin McKenna, 18 years old, of Flushing, stroke oar of the Wahneta Boat Club's four-oared crew, lost his life.

The University Barge Club won, but McKenna made a valiant effort to overtake his rivals. At the finish his boat was swept by the tide under a revenue cutter, was overturned and the four men were thrown into the river. McKenna's parents and

into the river. McKenna's parents and relatives were only a short distance away. McKenna sank almost immediately and every effort was made to rescue him. Men dived into the river time and again. His companions were saved.

FREED AFTER CAR KILLS BOY

J. W. Rawle, of J. G. Brill Company Released After Motor Hits Boy Scout

TRENTON, N. J., May 31,—J. W. Rawle, of 62d street and Woodland avenue, Philadelphia, assistant general manager of the J. G. Brill Company, of that city, has been freed by the county officials, following the death last night of Alvah Williams, 11 years old, of 826 Beatty street, this city, whom Bayle are down, while driving his whom Rawle ran down while driving his automobile on the road at Scudder's Falls yesterday afternoon. The lad died in Mercer Hospital in a few hours, but the county authorities, after hearing the stories of eye-witnesses, decided that the accident was unavoldable. Death was due to a fracture

unavoldable. Death was due to a fracture at the base of the skull.

Williams was one of a party of 23 boys from Boy Scout Troop 3, of the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church, on a hike from this city to Scudder's Falls. They were accompanied by Leon A. Rentner, of this city, as scoutmaster. Williams and another lad left the detachment to get a drink and while crossing the road the boy was struck. He was taken into the automobile and driven to Mercer Hospital. mobile and driven to Mercer Hospital.

Three U. S. Seamen Drowned WASHINGTON, May \$1.—Drowning of three seamen of the collier Hector in Ocoa Inree seamen of the collier Hector in Coca Bay, Santo Domingo, by the capsizing of a whaleboat, has been reported to the Navy Department by Rear Admiral Caperton. Nine other men who were in the boat were rescued by the destroyer Reid after being in the water It hours. The dead men are Edward Brenan and William Mariner, quar-termasters, and George Sancunis, fireman.

Killed When He Faints at Wheel NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 31.—While driving his automobile last night, accompanied by his wife, their two daughters and a girl friend, Hicks Griffin, of Bridgeport, is believed to have fainted or to have suffered a stroke of apoplexy. He failed to keep the vehicle in the road at a turn and t crashed into a fence and turned over. Griffin was killed and the others were severely cut and bruised.

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U-BOAT SCARE COSTS \$8000 Italian Liner Rushes Through Medi-

terranean_Burns Extra Coal NEW YORK, May 31.—After leaving Palermo, the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi, which arrived yesterday, heard that submarines were busy in the western end of the Mediterranean and she speeded up so it was figured that it cost her \$8500 in extra coal before she reached Gibraltar. Coal was \$42 a ton in Italy when she left Naples.

The Italian lines had year

The Italian liner had 1920 passengers,

and she headed out into the Mediterra-nean with every light out at night and her crew on watch to see that not a port was uncovered or that any one even lit a cigarette on deck. No wireless calls were sent, but her wireless ears were kept

open constantly. Captain Luigi Zannoni decided to pas his vessel's speed and race for Gibraltar. She was soon reeling off 18 knots. Mean-time her gumers stood by the pair of 3-inch guns on her afterdeck, but they saw nothing to shoot at.

THREE, ON PICNIC, INJURED Would-be Rescuer Cuts Artery in Foot. Girl Falls Over Stump and Sprains Wrist

Anthony Sabolo, 21 years old, of 2651 East Somerset street, is at the Frankford Hospital in a serious condition from loss of blood. Sabolo is a member of the "Honeysuckle Social." Yesterday the members celebrated Memorial Day by a trip to

the country. One of the girls of the party fainted. Sabolo, while seeking water for her, stepped on a broken bottle. The glass penetrated his shoe and cut an artery in his right foot.

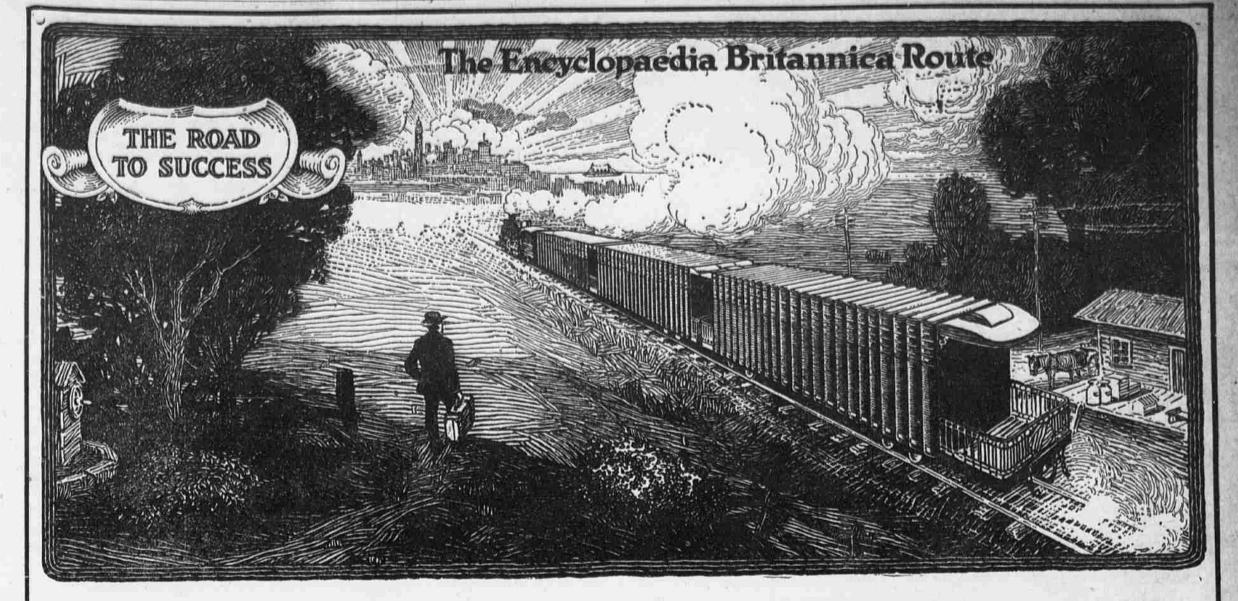
Sadle Goodchild, 21 years old, of 4102 Orchard street, a member of a social circle which also spent the day in the woods, had which also spent the day in the woods, had her right wrist broken when she fell over a stump. This happened early in the day, but she refused to return to the city until her companions did so last night. At 9 o'clock she applied for treatment at the Frankford Hospital. BREAKS WIFE'S TOMBSTONE AS MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Millersburg Man Says She Should Have Given Him Money

HARRISBURG, May \$1.—James Coleman, of Millersburg, was arrested last night and brought to the Dauphin County jall at Harrisburg on a charge of celebrating Memorial Day by breaking his wife's the cargo of the British steamship tombstone, preferred by the Millersburg Cemetery Association.

Coleman's wife saved money out of her bound for Liverpool.

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